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Two Former NASA Contractor Employees Charged

On July 26, 1999, Christian Vincent, a former Subcontract Manager, and Elmond Armorer, a former Quality Control Manager, Howmet-Cercast (Canada) Incorporated, Montreal, Quebec, Canada were charged by the Crown Prosecutor, Montreal, Quebec, Canada with "Secret Commissions" in soliciting and accepting kickbacks, a violation of the Canadian Crimes Code, Section 426 (1)(a) ii.

Vincent was charged with six counts of "Secret Commissions" for allegedly accepting kickbacks totaling approximately \$413,000 from Howmet-Cercast subcontractors during the period of 1993 to 1997. Armorer was charged with one count of "Secret Commissions" for allegedly accepting \$7,500 in checks, made payable to his former wife, from Howmet-Cercast subcontractors during the period from 1990 to 1997.

Howmet-Cercast (Canada) Incorporated is a subcontractor to NASA and the Department of Defense. The company is a tool and dye cast facility that manufactures flight hardware. The hardware is used in the NASA's Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, and various military missiles and aircraft.

Vincent and Armorer were ordered to appear in Provincial Court, Province of Quebec, Montreal, Quebec, Canada on September 14, 1999, for their respective initial court appearance.

Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Quebec Provincial Police conducted this investigation. The prosecution is being handled by the Crown Prosecutor of Canada, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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